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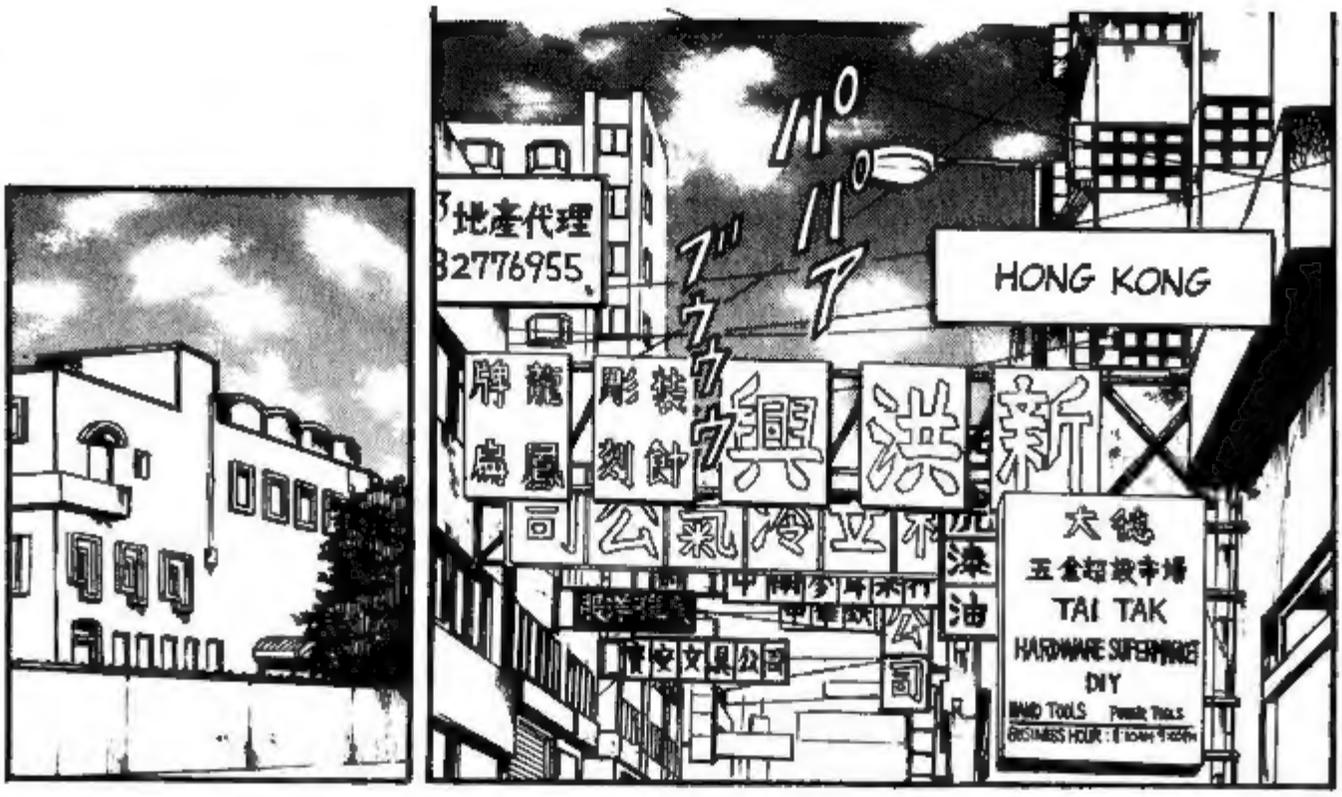
HONG KONG
TAI TAK
HARDWARE SUPERMARKET
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I WILL LEAVE IT IN YOUR HANDS, RYOKU'UN ...!
I SHALL REMAIN HERE! YOU GO PROTECT NIJUUROU-SAMA!

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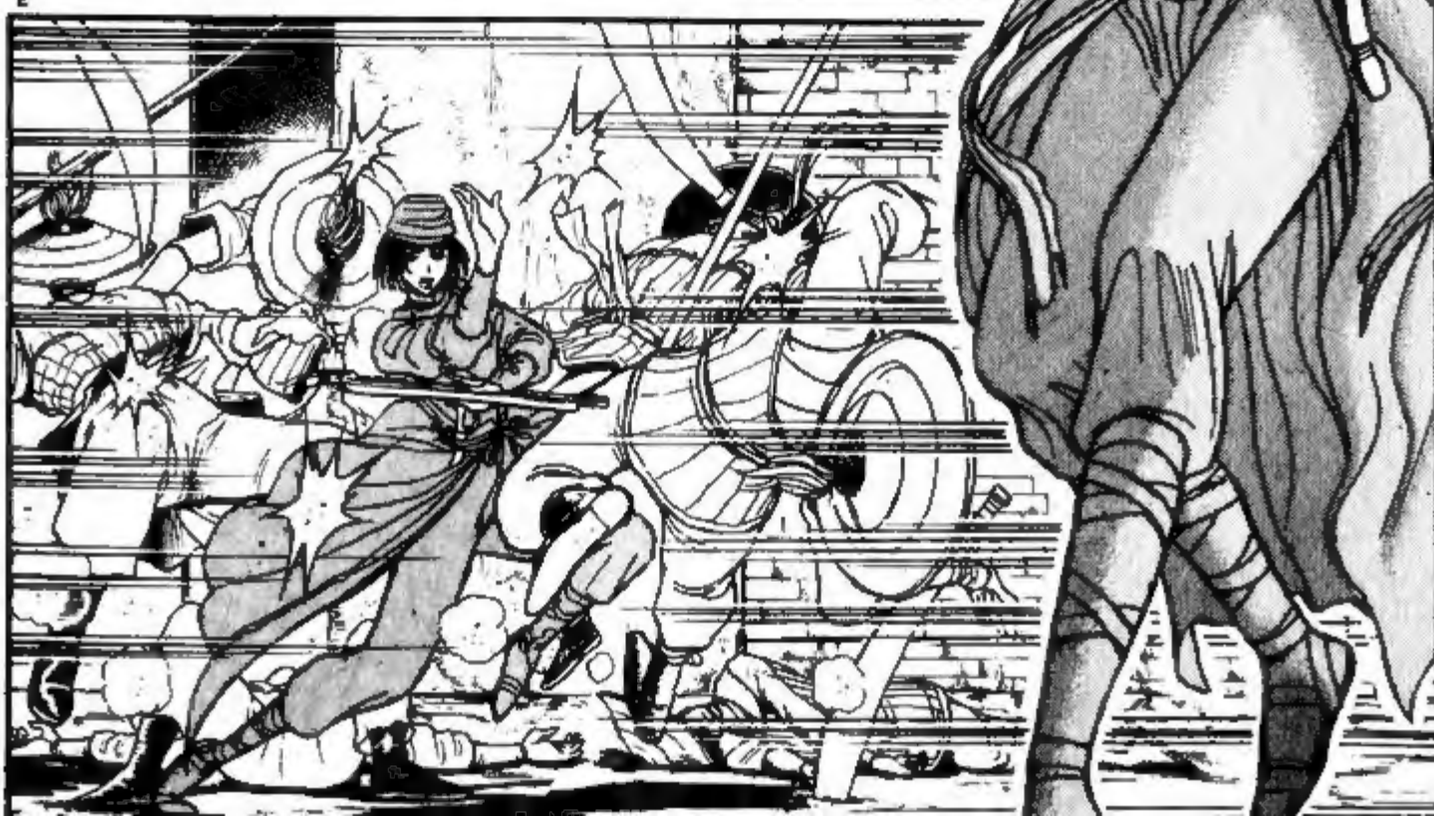

CUT!

NO, YOU WERE PERFECT.
SORRY, WAS I GOING TOO FAST JUST NOW?
EXCELLENT WORK, MING-XIA!

HM!
HE SAYS NO ONE IN HONG KONG CINEMA CAN BEAT YOU, WHETHER IT'S ACTING SKILLS OR ACTION SCENES!
YOU WERE AWESOME AS USUAL TODAY! THE PRODUCER IS RAVING ABOUT YOU, MISS MING-XIA!

WHEW!
EX-CUSE ME HERE FOR A SEC ...!

THAT'S RIGHT! I'M SOOO EXCITED!
AND HE SAYS YOUR NEXT FILM IS GOING TO BE WITH JOHN WOO, IN HOLLY-WOOD?

UH-HUH.
WELL, WITH YOUR SKILLS, YOU'RE SURE TO SUCCEED!
YOU'VE GONE THROUGH A TON OF HARD TRAINING WITH AN ACROBATIC TROUPE, RIGHT?
EXPLOSIONS! ENORMOUS AIRPLANES! BLOCKBUSTER BUDGETS! I LOVE IT!
I MEAN, WHO DOESN'T WANT TO FILM IN AMERICA?
THOSE I LEARNED FROM MY DAD.
THE BASICS, THOUGH...

AYE-AYE!
WE'RE READY FOR THE NEXT SCENE, MING-XIA!
OH, NO! FEEL FREE TO TALK ABOUT WHATEVER YOU WANT!
YEAH, BUT WE DON'T GET ALONG WELL, SO... I GOT OUTTA THERE.
RIGHT, YOUR FATHER... HE'S A FAMOUS MARTIAL ARTS MASTER IN CHINA.
WELL, EVERY-ONE TOLD ME THAT TALKING ABOUT YOUR FATHER WAS TABOO, BUT I STILL...
HUH? WHAT FOR?
I'M SORRY, MISS MING-XIA.

!
UH, FROM CHINA. THE SICHUAN PROVINCE ...
JUST SET IT DOWN THERE, I'LL READ IT LATER.
WHERE IS IT FROM?
MISS MING-XIA, THERE'S A TELEGRAM FOR YOU.
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DAD ...?
HUH ...?
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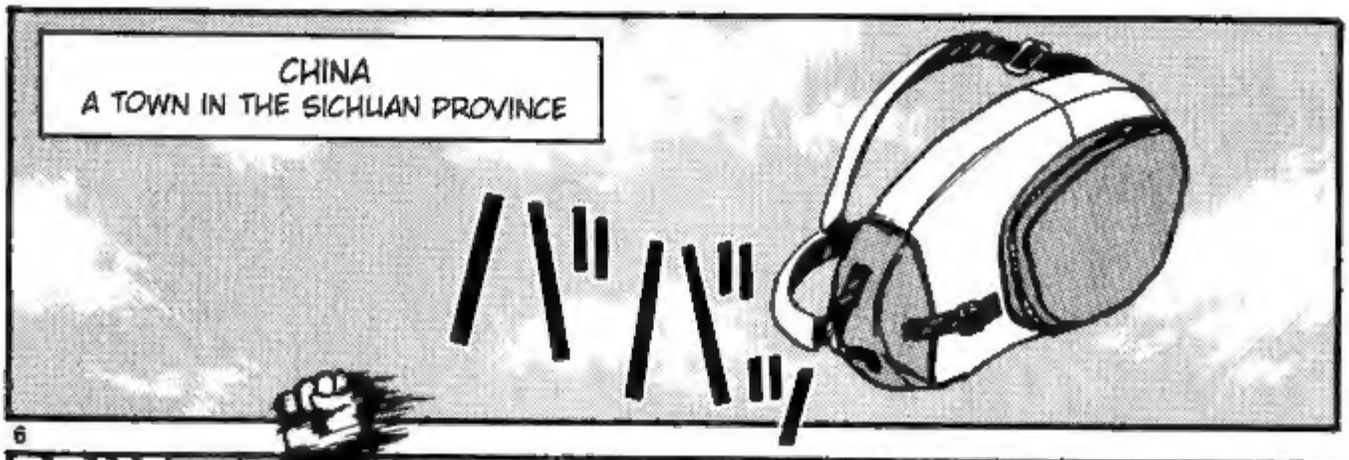
MING-XIAAA ...!
LI-LIM ...
MING-XIA, WE'RE STARTING THE NEXT SCEEENE ...!

MING-XIA! WHAT'S GOING ON?


CHINA
A TOWN IN THE SICHUAN PROVINCE

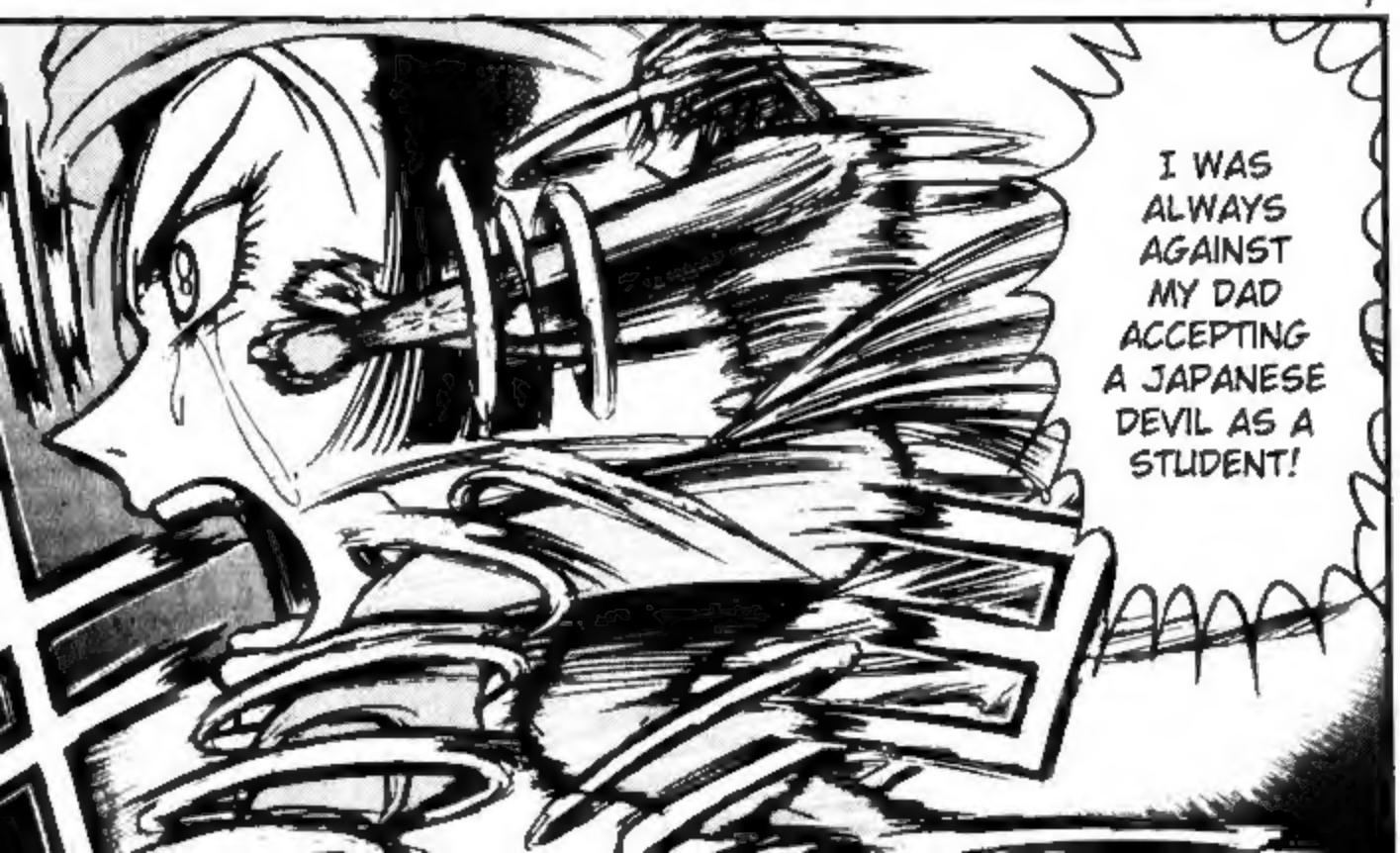
SHUT UP, MING-HAI!
HO-HOLD ON, MING-XIA. WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!

AND THEN ...
MY DAD GOT ZONAPHA SYNDROME!
LAST YEAR, YOU CONTRACTED ZONAPHA SYNDROME AND WENT BACK TO JAPAN.

THAT CAN'T BE... I INFECTED MASTER ...?

YOU GAVE MY DAD ZONAPHA SYNDROME !!

WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
WHA ...


I WAS ALWAYS AGAINST MY DAD ACCEPTING A JAPANESE DEVIL AS A STUDENT!

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THE... SMASHING FIST...

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FINALLY HE COULD BARELY STAND, LET ALONE TEACH.
MASTER GRADUALLY GOT WEAKER AND WEAKER ...

WHAT...
WHAT... DID MASTER DO...?
NEITHER MEDICINES NOR QIGONG HAD ANY EFFECT.
AT LAST... AT LAST, MASTER...
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HE LEFT YOU A LETTER...
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DAD... LEFT YOU...
.....
HE LEFT BEHIND THIS STUPID LETTER AND DISAPPEARED!!

MING-HAI:
I DO NOT KNOW WHEN OR IF YOU WILL READ THIS LETTER.

I HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER YOU WILL EVER RETURN HERE NOW THAT YOU HAVE DEVELOPED ZONAPHA SYNDROME. HOWEVER, I WANT TO TELL YOU THIS REGARDLESS.

THE OTHER STUDENTS ARE CONVINCED THAT YOU INFECTED ME BEFORE RETURNING TO JAPAN.

THAT I HAVE BEGUN TO SHOW THE SYMPTOMS OF ZONAPHA SYNDROME.
YOU MOST LIKELY KNOW ALREADY.

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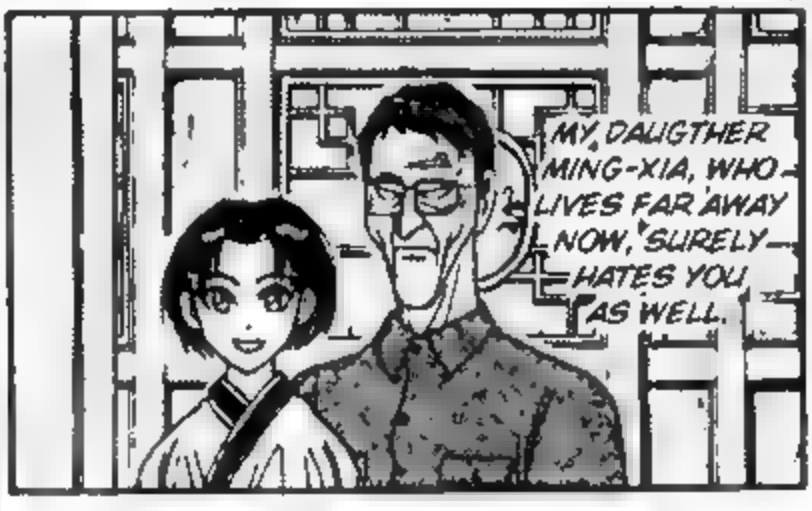
TO TELL YOU THE FOLLOWING.
BUT I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO YOU, MING-HAI...


MY DAUGTHER MING-XIA, WHO LIVES FAR AWAY NOW, SURELY HATES YOU AS WELL.

M-MASTER ...
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A LONG TIME AGO.
DO NOT FEEL GUILTY. I WAS INFECTED WITH ZONAPHA SYNDROME...

THE PLACE WHERE MASTER WENT...
WELL?!
MING-HAI! WHAT WAS WRITTEN IN THAT LETTER?!

R-REALLY ...?
WHERE IS IT?!

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MY NATIVE VILLAGE WAS DESTROYED 50 YEARS AGO.
BAS-TARD!
ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE FOOLS OF US BY NOT ANSWERING?!
I AM SORRY, MING-HAI. IT MAY HAVE BEEN I WHO INFECTED YOU WITH ZONAPHA SYNDROME.
MI-NG-HAI!

THAT WAS SPREADING ZONAPHA SYNDROME!
BY A MYSTERIOUS CIRCUS TROUPE...

DO YOU KNOW WHAT VILLAGE YOUR OLD MAN WAS BORN IN?
MISS MING-XIA.
.....
...UH...

THOUGH I SURVIVED AS A CHILD, IT SEEMS THAT THE SEED OF ZONAPHA SYNDROME WAS PLANTED WITHIN MY BODY NONETHELESS.
A SMALL NUMBER OF THE VILLAGERS SURVIVED.
IS THAT WHERE DAD IS, MING-HAI ?!
...IS...
MING-HAI, I BELIEVE THAT VILLAGE IS WHERE I SHALL LEAVE THIS WORLD. IT SEEMS ONLY FITTING.
YEAH. THAT'S WHERE MASTER SHOULD BE.

WHAT IS WITH YOU ...?
WHAT ...
YES, I KNOW ...
WELL, MING-XIA? DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS?!
I AM SORRY, BUT IF THIS BE MY DESTINY, THEN SO BE IT. DO NOT TROUBLE YOURSELF OVER ME.
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LET'S GO, THEN.
DO YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW WHERE MY OWN FATHER WAS BORN ...?!

BUT YOU CAN'T GO ALONE WITH THAT GUY...
YOU GUYS STAY HERE.

WE'LL COME TOO, MISS.
W-WAIT FOR ME, MING-HAI!

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LET'S GET GOING, THEN!

IT'LL BE FINE IF YOU'RE THERE.
BRO-THER WANG ...
I'LL COME WITH YOU.

IT MUST BE LINKED!
WHEN THAT AUTOMATON GAVE THE PICTURE TO TOM, HE SAID THEY WERE GOING BACK TO THAT PLACE.

IT WAS THE MIDNIGHT CIRCUS!
FIFTY YEARS AGO, MASTER'S VILLAGE WAS DESTROYED BY THE VERY SAME AUTOMATA WE'RE CHASING NOW!!

THE MIDNIGHT CIRCUS DEFINITELY PASSED THROUGH THAT VILLAGE!

SHE JUST NODDED SLIGHTLY IN ASSENT.

WHEN LUCILLE SAW OUR TWO COMPANIONS ...

WE LEFT THAT SAME DAY FOR MASTER'S NATIVE VILLAGE.

THE VILLAGE GROWS CLOSER EVERY MOMENT.
AS WE CROSS THE YANGTZE RIVER ...

I'M COMING FOR YOU, MIDNIGHT CIRCUS!!
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I'LL CHASE YOU DOWN.

AND YOUR RINGMASTER, THE ONLY AUTOMATON THAT RUNS ON AQUA VITAE— FRANCINE!

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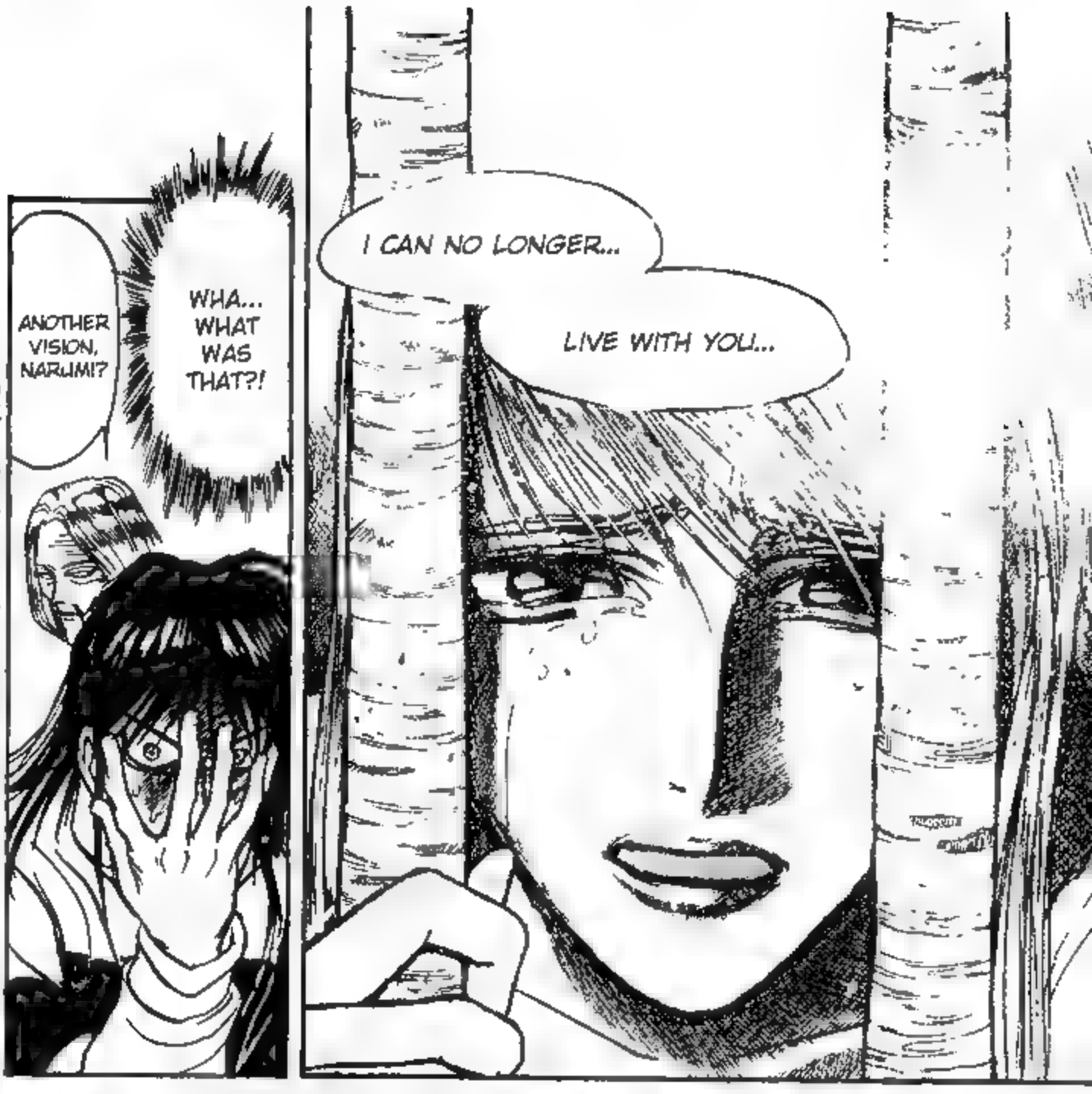

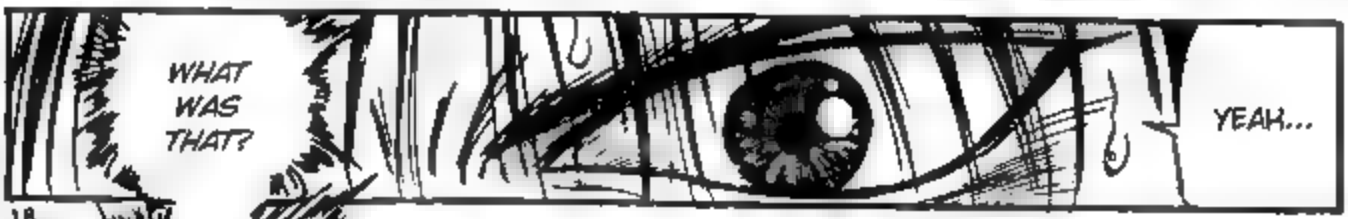

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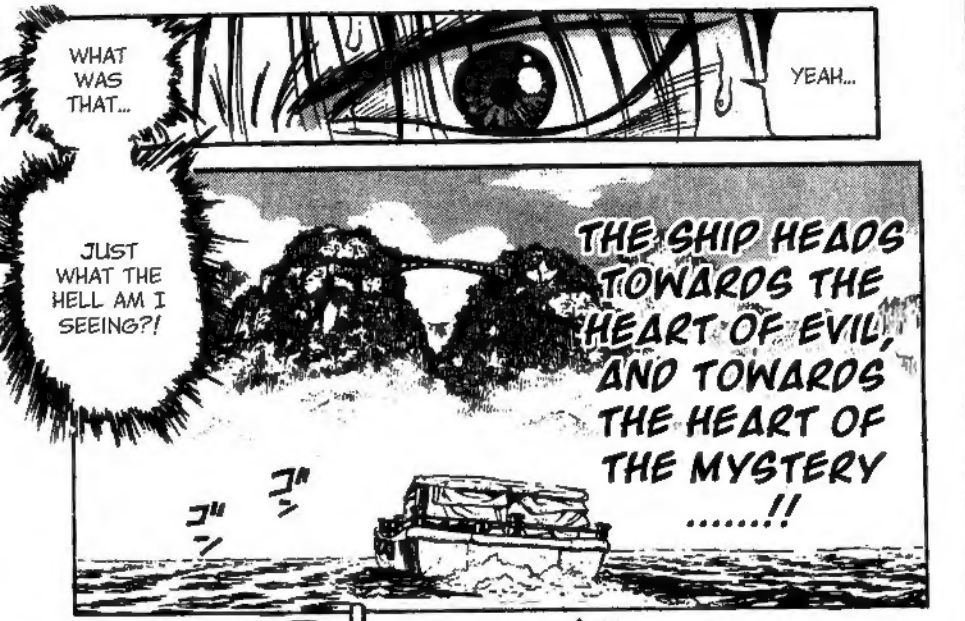

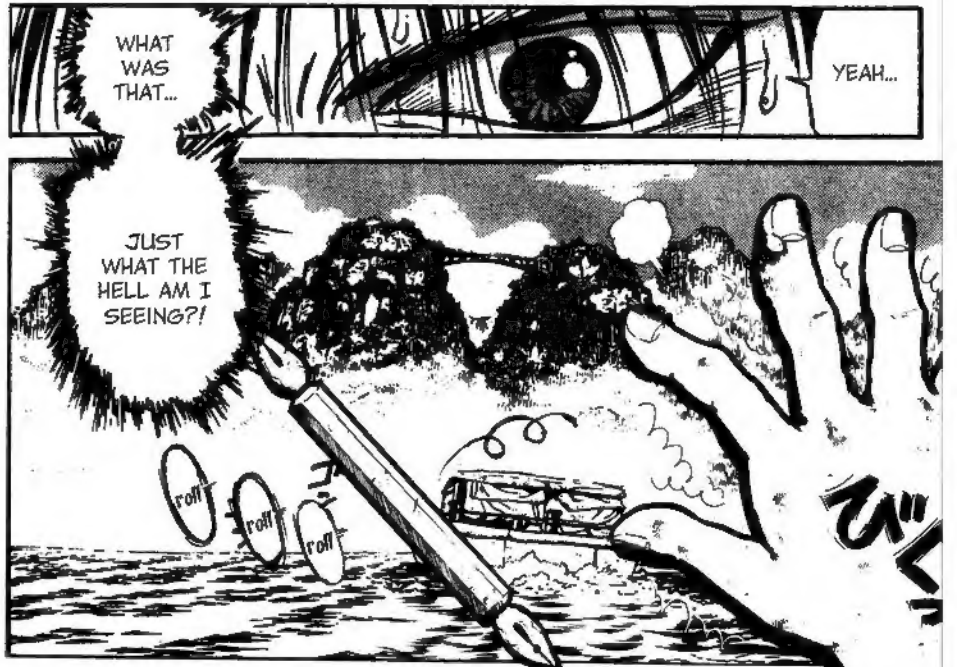
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YEAH...
JUST WHAT THE HELL AM I SEEING?!
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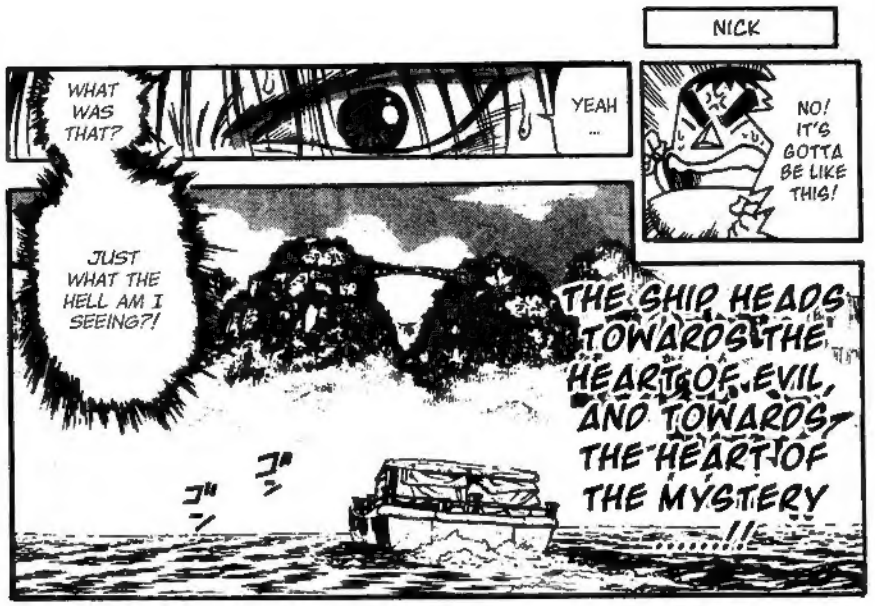
NICK
WHAT WAS THAT?
YEAH ...
NO! IT'S GOTTA BE LIKE THIS!
JUST WHAT THE HELL AM I SEEING?!
THE SHIP HEADS TOWARDS THE HEART OF EVIL, AND TOWARDS THE HEART OF THE MYSTERY .....!!
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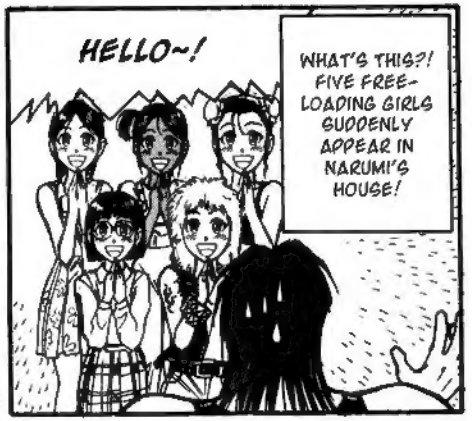

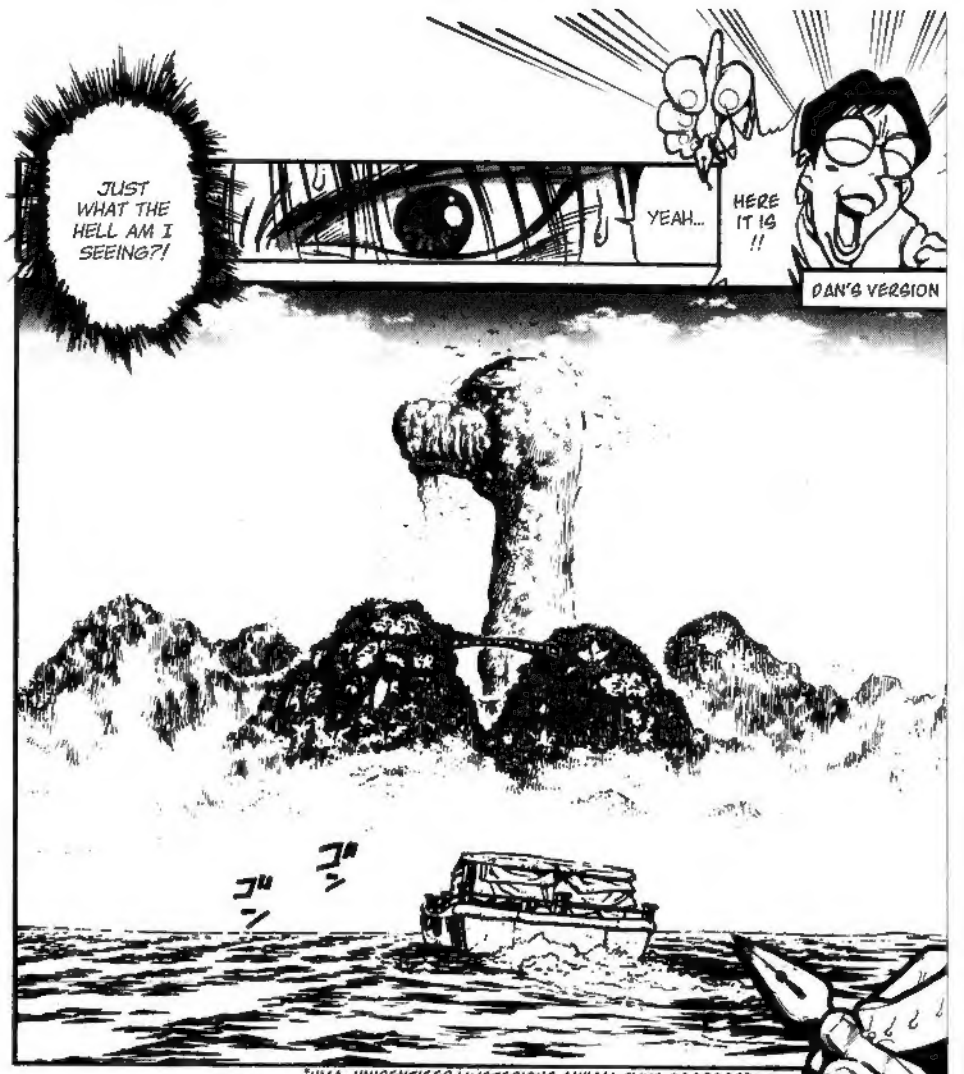

*UMA: UNIDENTIFIED MYSTERIOUS ANIMAL (LIKE OGOPOGO)

IT'LL NEVER SELL!!!
A UMA showed up in KaraCir ?!
THE STREETS ARE ABUZZ WITH DISCUSSION. IT BECOMES AN ANIME!
IT SOON BECOMES THE OVERWHELMING FAVORITE IN POLLS.
THE TITLE CHANGES TO UMA CIRCUS
Kick-ass!!
It most certainly did!
It got so interesting all of a sudden!
UMA Circus is sold out!!

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